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SUBJ: EVACUATION OF DEPENDENTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 14 BEING SENT INDIVIDUALLY
TO
ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVING DEPENDENTS IN KHMER REPUBLIC. THIS LETTER

WILL ALSO BE POSTED IN HOTELS WHERE TRANSIENT AMERICANS ARE KNOWN TO
STAY:

QUOTE THE EMBASSY WISHES TO EXPRESS TO ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS TEMPO-
RARILY OR PERMANENTLY RESIDENT IN THE KHMER REPUBLIC ITS CONCERN FOR
THEIR WELL-BEING AND SAFETY UNDER CURRENT CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN THE

COUNTRY. AS YOU ARE AWARE, HOSTILITIES ARE NOW TAKING PLACE ONLY A
FEW KILOMETERS FROM PHNOM PENH AND ITS AIRPORT; THERE HAVE BEEN A CON-

SIDERABLE NUMBER OF ROCKET ATTACKS AGAINST THE CITY ITSELF, AND
ROCKETING OF THE AIRPORT HAS LED TO THE CURTAILMENT OF ALL COMMERCIAL
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS EXCEPT THOSE OF AIR CAMBODGE. SHORTAGES OF
FUEL, ELETRICITY, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL PRODUCTS FOR THE CONSUMER ARE
APPARENT AND ARE LIABLE TO CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME.

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QUOTE IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT SITUATION, THE EMBASSY HAS EVACUATED ALL

OF ITS DEPENDENTS FROM PHNOM PENH, AND IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU TAKE STEPS TO DO LIKEWISE. WE ARE VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE GOOD WORKS WHICH ARE PERFORMED BY MANY OF THE AMERICAN DEPENDENTS IN PHNOM PENH. PRUDENT CONCERN, HOWEVER, FOR THEIR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING MUST, WE FEEL, OUTWEIGH SUCH CONSIDERATIONS.

QUOTE WE WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THOSE AMERICANS VISITING HERE ON TOURIST VISAS OR WHO HAVE NO ESSENTIAL REASON FOR BEING HERE AT THIS TIME SHOULD MAKE PLANS TO LEAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

QUOTE THE EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME TO ASSIST

YOU WITH TRANSPORTATION AS FAR AS BANGKOK OR TO SAIGON, IF REQUIRED. THIS WILL NOT PRECLUDE YOUR HAVING OR OBTAINING VALID PASSPORTS AND OTHER TRAVEL DOCUMENTS; AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ASSUME ANY FINANCIAL OR OTHER OBLIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR TRAVEL. YOU MAY MAKE INQUIRIES REGARDING TRANSPORTATION BY CALLING THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY (TELEPHONE NO. 24511, EXT. 143). FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY AND WELFARE, WE URGE YOU TO ACT NOW. UNQUOTE
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